

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 17 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twenty-one bills were introduced, as follows: S. 36, 37, 38, 1453–1470.

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Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Economic Developments in Aging”. (S. Rept. No. 110–71)

S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 110–70)

S. 231, to authorize the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program at fiscal year 2006 levels through 2012.

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Measures Passed:

President Ford Commemorative Document: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 128, authorizing the printing of a commemorative document in memory of the late President of the United States, Gerald Rudolph Ford.

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Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 1352, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 127 East Locust Street in Fairbury, Illinois, as the “Dr. Francis Townsend Post Office Building”. **Page S6573**

Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 414, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 60 Calle McKinley, West in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Miguel Angel Garcia Mendez Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 437, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Eisenhower Street in Rio Grande City, Texas, as the “Lino Perez, Jr. Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 625, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4230 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park, California, as the “Atanacio Haro-Marin Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 988, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the “Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 1402, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the “Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Considered:

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 175), Bingaman Amendment No. 1169 (to Amendment No. 1150), to reduce to 200,000 the number of certain non-immigrants permitted to be admitted during a fiscal year.

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Graham Amendment No. 1173 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide for minimum sentences for aliens who reenter the United States after removal.

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Feinstein/Martinez Amendment No. 1146 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide for the protection of unaccompanied alien children.

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Gregg Amendment No. 1172 (to Amendment No. 1150), to ensure control of our Nation's borders and strengthen enforcement of our immigration laws.

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Prior to its adoption, a unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to table the amendment be withdrawn.

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Leahy Modified Amendment No. 1165 (to Amendment No. 1150), to clarify rules applicable to aliens employed as dairy workers.

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Graham (for Hutchison) No. 1168 (to Amendment No. 1150), to provide local officials and the Secretary of Homeland Security greater involvement in decisions regarding the location of border fencing.

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Pending:

Reid (for Kennedy/Specter) Amendment No. 1150, in the nature of a substitute.

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Grassley/DeMint Amendment No. 1166 (to Amendment No. 1150), to clarify that the revocation of an alien's visa or other documentation is not subject to judicial review.

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Cornyn Amendment No. 1184 (to Amendment No. 1150), to establish a permanent bar for gang members, terrorists, and other criminals.

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Coleman/Bond Amendment No. 1158 (to Amendment No. 1150), to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to facilitate information sharing between federal and local law enforcement officials related to an individual's immigration status.

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Akaka Amendment No. 1186 (to Amendment No. 1150), to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 24, 2007.

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Stevens Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the deadline for Senators to submit tributes on Senator Stevens for the Congressional Record be extended until close of business on Monday, June 4, 2007.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States on Friday, May 18, 2007:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Iraq as declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as received during the recess of the Senate on May 18, 2007; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM 15)

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ondray T. Harris, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

43 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2006, which was sent to the Senate on March 5, 2007.

Michael E. Baroody, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which was sent to the Senate on March 5, 2007.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—175)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:26 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6573.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in a closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2008.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to make up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 142 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

U.S. ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance concluded a hearing to examine United States economic relations with China, focusing on strategies and options on exchange rates and market access, after receiving testimony from Morris Goldstein, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Fairfax, Virginia; Robert S. Nichols, Financial Services Forum, and David A. Hartquist, China Currency Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; Patrick A. Mulloy, George Mason University School of Law, Alexandria, Virginia, former Member, U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission; and John W. Nolan, Steel Dynamics, Inc., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

COMMUNICATIONS, TAXATION AND FEDERALISM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine communications, taxation and federalism, focusing on the internet access tax moratorium and its impact on state and local government revenues, after receiving testimony from Senators Wyden and Enzi; Representative Eshoo; James R. White, Director, Tax Issues, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; David C. Quam, National Governors Association, and Harley T. Duncan, Federation of Tax Administrators, both of Washington, D.C.; Annabelle Canning, Verizon Communications, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania; and Jeff Dirksen, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States";

S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, with an amendment;

S. 175, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 324, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico;

S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho;

S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System;

S. 580, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails;

S. 686, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail;

S. 797, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail, with amendments;

S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, with amendments;

S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon;

S. 1110, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah;

S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;